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ANDERSON COUNTY MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARMS

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 30-year-old Palestine, Texas man has pleaded guilty to federal gun charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **JOE PAUL FISHER** entered his guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge Judith K. Guthrie.

According to information presented in court, an investigation conducted by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and federal agents revealed that Fisher burglarized one or more Anderson County residences in April 2006 and stole approximately 13 firearms. Fisher was arrested on April 18, 2006, and charged with possession of stolen firearms.

Fisher faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Noble.

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